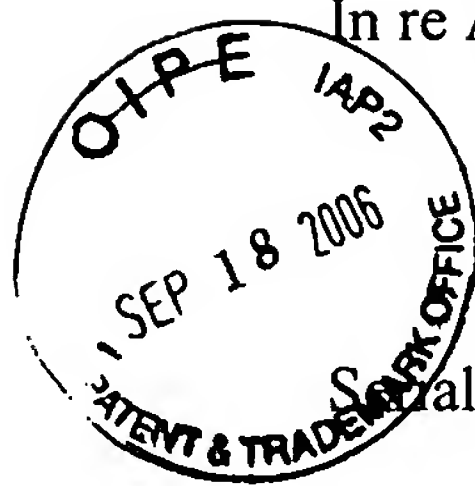


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PROCESS STREAM

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Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006 was filed on September 8, 2006. Applicant submits this substitute response and petition for extension of time with the following remarks to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$130 for a statutory disclaimer fee from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01. A provisional terminal disclaimer and petition for extension of time are enclosed. It is believed that no fees in addition to the fees authorized by the enclosed provisional terminal disclaimer and petition for extension of time are due at this time. However, should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the present submission, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS01.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.